IN THE DRAWINGS:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants submit herewith Figures 1-4 with a label on each sheet of drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). These sheets, which include Figures 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated December 1, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 1, 2007.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner stated that the drawings were not properly identified in the top margin. In response, Applicants have attached a label on each drawing in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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